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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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October 30, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

31 October 30, 2012

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT CONTRIBUTION OF  
HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES FUNDING AND  
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD  
TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION AND SYNCHRONIZATION  
38TH STREET/37TH STREET/BANDINI BOULEVARD  
FROM ALAMEDA STREET TO GARFIELD AVENUE  
IN THE CITIES OF BELL AND VERNON AND  
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF BANDINI (ISLANDS)  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)  
(4 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to authorize Highways-Through-Cities financial assistance to the Cities of Bell and Vernon and to approve the project to modify and synchronize traffic signals on 38th Street/37th Street/Bandini Boulevard from Alameda Street to Garfield Avenue in the Cities of Bell and Vernon and in the unincorporated community of Bandini (islands); find the project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt the plans and specifications; call for bids; authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director to carry out this project.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 3917 finding that the project is of general County interest and that the

County of Los Angeles aid in the form of Highways Through-Cities funds shall be provided to the Cities of Bell and Vernon to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C local sales tax in the amount of \$512,000.

3. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for traffic signal modification and synchronization at an estimated construction contract cost between \$165,000 and \$230,000.
4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened on November 29, 2012, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement.
5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range, approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance submitted by the contractor, and deliver the project.
6. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) accept the project upon its final completion; (4) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Sections 7107 and 9203; and (5) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from the Board; adopt the plans and specifications; advertise for bids; authorize the Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid for the modification and synchronization of traffic signals and the performance of other appurtenant work, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director to carry out this project.

The limits of the project are as follows:

- Bandini Boulevard from Sierra Pine Avenue to Amelia Earhart Way
- Santa Fe Avenue from 37th Street to 38th Street
- 37th Street from Alameda Street to Soto Street

Additionally, Board adoption of the enclosed resolution approves a County of Los Angeles (County) contribution of \$512,000 in Highways-Through-Cities (HTC) funds to finance the Cities of Bell and Vernon's jurisdictional shares of the project cost.

Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the Board of Supervisors of any County may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements are of general County interest and that County aid shall be extended therefor.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by providing improved traffic flow for the traveling public, which will benefit the community.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$165,000 to \$230,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$561,000, with the County's jurisdictional share being \$49,000, the City of Bell's share being \$27,000, and the City of Vernon's share being \$485,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes plans and specifications, consultant services, materials testing, construction engineering, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

The project cost will be financed with \$441,000 in Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2001 Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds for the Gateway Cities Forum, and \$120,000 in Proposition C Local Return Match Funds. On an annual basis, the Board has established a \$2.5 million top-of-pot (TOP) allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget for the County's Traffic Congestion Management Program. The \$120,000 will be funded from this TOP allocation. The \$512,000 HTC funds consist of Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds and Proposition C Local Return Funds. Financing is included in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The enclosed resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

This project, to contract for the modification and synchronization of traffic signals, is part of the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) ongoing program for transportation system management. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated the work will start in February 2013 and be completed in March 2013.

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to obtain a contractor for the modification and synchronization of traffic signals.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board

Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, Subsections (x)(4), (x)(5), (x)(14), and (x)(22) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for the reconstruction of existing wheelchair ramps, modification of existing traffic signal systems, and maintenance of existing roadway facilities.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. The award by the Director or her designee will be made upon review of the bids meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved traffic flow

thereby benefiting the community.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Gail" and last name "Farber" clearly legible.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Internal Services Department (Countywide  
Contract Compliance

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**RESOLUTION NO. 3917 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO EXTEND COUNTY AID TO THE  
CITIES OF BELL AND VERNON FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION AND SYNCHRONIZATION**

WHEREAS, the CITIES OF BELL AND VERNON, hereinafter referred to as CITIES, and the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, desire to modify and synchronize the traffic signals along 38th Street/ 37th Street/Bandini Boulevard from Alameda Street to Garfield Avenue, which work is hereinafter referred to as PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY proposes to construct PROJECT at no cost to CITIES; and

WHEREAS, portions of PROJECT are located and will be utilized within the jurisdictional limits of CITIES; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is of general interest to the CITIES and COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of PROJECT is currently estimated to be Five Hundred Sixty-one Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$561,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the total PROJECT cost will be financed with Four Hundred Forty-one Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$441,000.00) in Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (herein after referred to as LACMTA) 2001 Call For Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the Gateway Cities Forum, and One Hundred Twenty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$120,000.00) in Proposition C Local Return match funds; and

WHEREAS, on an annual basis, a Two Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) Top-of-Pot (herein after referred to as TOP) allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget has been established for COUNTY's Traffic Congestion Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the One Hundred Twenty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$120,000.00) will be funded from this TOP allocation; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is consistent with the scope of work for traffic improvements within CITIES pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding (herein after referred to as MOU) No. P0008127 between COUNTY and LACMTA; and

WHEREAS, such a proposal is authorized and provided for by the provisions of Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

SECTION 1. The PROJECT is of general COUNTY interest and COUNTY aid shall be extended therefor.

SECTION 2. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, COUNTY consents, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code, to extend aid to CITIES in the amount of Five Hundred Twelve Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$512,000.00) for PROJECT from the Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds and Proposition C Local Return funds, to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C local sales tax.

SECTION 3. The financial obligations of COUNTY are expressly conditioned upon obtaining reimbursement from LACMTA pursuant to MOU No. P0008127 between COUNTY and LACMTA.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this resolution is held or declared to be invalid, the resolution shall be void and the consent granted hereunder shall lapse.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

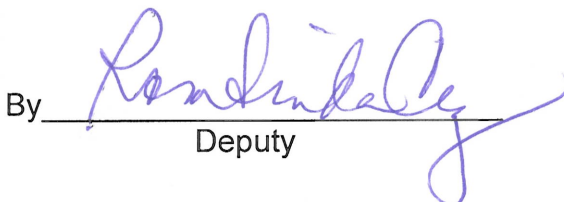


SACHI A. HAMAI  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By  Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI  
County Counsel

By  Deputy